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Golf **Tamed Tiger?**



Tiger Woods speaks during his press conference yesterday at the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga. Woods used the occasion to acknowledge that he has "acted terribly." **Story, page 14.**

## Pardon spurs review

Conservatives mull tightening rules for sex offenders

The federal government is looking at barring sex criminals from receiving pardons, or at least extending the time they would have to wait before applying.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said yesterday the government will seek ways to end "rubber-stamped" applications after learning sex-abusing hockey coach Graham James was pardoned by the National Parole Board.

But those who work with offenders say changing the law because of one rogue case is folly that will do more harm than good.

Barring sex offenders from the pardon process gives them one less reason "to continue trying to live

**"I think there needs to be a little more direction given to the (National Parole Board) in terms of what they can consider overall."** Public Safety Minister Vic Toews

right," said Andrew McWhinnie, head of Circles of Support and Accountability, an organization that tries to prevent sexual abusers from committing more crimes.

A pardon does not erase a person's criminal record, but can make it easier for an ex-convict to get a job and travel abroad. In the case of sex offenders, a flag remains on the pardoned offender's file, serving as an alert.

Toews said he was sur-

prised to learn that James, a former junior hockey coach, was granted a pardon from the parole board in 2007 for sexual assaults against two teens, including ex-NHLer Sheldon Kennedy.

"I think there needs to be a little more direction given to the board in terms of what they can consider overall, and that these things should not just be rubber-stamped," Toews said yesterday.

Former Flames star Theo-

ren Fleury, who played with Kennedy in Calgary, has also lodged a formal complaint about James with police.

Word of the pardon came as a shock to former Calgary MP Art Hanger, a 22-year member of the Calgary Police Service who's also a member of the Canadian Justice Foundation.

"I find that reprehensible," Hanger said. "I mean, this man used his authority as a coach and attacked youngsters."

"There is no indication in anything that he has done to place himself into the good graces of the Canadian public. I don't understand the parole board's thinking." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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**'Be diligent' to limit animal sightings, official says**

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**WILDLIFE** Backyard sightings of skunks, coyotes, squirrels, raccoons and birds are on the rise, and the city is reminding Calgarians about close encounters of the animal kind.

Animal and Bylaw Services director Bill Bruce said the city has seen a lot more animal sightings recently because of the warm weather, with coyote activity peaking in and around Tuscany.

"But people can see animals in any neighbourhood where there is green spaces nearby. We're getting a lot of calls and we just need to remind people to be diligent," Bruce said.


"Even ducks and geese and the cute animals, they aren't really something you want in your backyard."

Bruce is warning Calgarians to avoid leaving garbage in the backyard, watch for burrowing areas and not to feed animals.


"If you see a baby, don't try to take care of it. Sure enough the mother is nearby somewhere getting food or hiding," he added.

The city is especially wary of coyotes and asking people to call 311 if there are questions or concerns about animal sightings.


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## Last Girl on Earth to visit Calgary

Popular R&B singer Rihanna, left, is bringing her Last Girl on Earth tour to Calgary with special guests Ke\$ha and Nicki Minaj on July 6 at the Pengrowth Saddledome. Tickets for the show go on sale through Ticketmaster on Friday at 10 a.m. for between \$19.75 and \$99.75.

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## Cops remind drivers to watch their speed

**SAFETY** The city is asking motorists to limit their speed this month as warm weather and pedestrian traffic increases while spring sets in.

The Limit Your Speed campaign throughout April is supported by Calgary police and signs and banners will be posted across the city, according to city traffic manager Troy McLeod.

"The campaign is aimed at reminding Calgarians to be aware of their speed and the consequences that are associated with speeding. The fact is that one in every four collisions is a result of speeding," McLeod said.

The city is also installing 14 solar-powered devices in various communities that will tell motorists if they are driving over the limit.

KRISTIA SYLVESTER/  
METRO CALGARY

# Olympic heroes white-hatted

LAURENCE HEINEN  
for Metro Calgary

**Jon Montgomery will never get tired of being asked for his autograph or to pose for pictures with his Olympic gold medal.**

The affable skeleton racer was one of several Olympic and Paralympic athletes on hand for a special tribute at Olympic Plaza yesterday.

"Honestly, I don't think I will ever tire of the reception that I've been getting from kind folks from across the country," said Montgomery, who sped to a gold-medal performance at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

In addition to receiving gold rings from the province, the athletes were white-hatted by Mayor Dave Bronconnier.

"You see so many other



Jon Montgomery gives a big Calgary wave to the crowd gathered at Olympic Plaza as the province celebrates the achievements of all Albertans during the 2010 Winter games held in Vancouver.

people come through town and get white hats and be recognized for

their efforts," Montgomery said. "I'm proud to say that I think I've

earned my white hat now and I'm happy to wear it." Having lived in Calgary

for 43 years, Cheryl Bernard was also pleased to be shown such a warm welcome.

"It's the first time I've ever received a white hat, so this means a lot," said Bernard, who skipped her Canadian women's rink to a silver medal.

"It will go up on my wall. It probably won't get worn out."

Being honoured in front of hundreds of screaming fans at Olympic Plaza was a special experience for Kaillie Humphries, a gold medalist in women's bobsled along with Heather Moyse.

"It feels great," Humphries said. "I'm born and raised in Calgary, so it feels extra special definitely to come out in front of my fellow Calgarians and have them cheer."

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# Meals on Wheels looking to downsize, says new digs too big

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**CHARITY** Meals on Wheels is looking to trade its new digs for some smaller ones.

The city's community and protective services committee is planning to discuss the sale of the Meals on Wheels property, located at 225-58 Ave. SE, tomorrow and Ald. Ric McIver has some questions about the development.

"It's not what I expected

**"It's not what I expected to hear, but I just hope they can find a successful solution that works for them because they are such an important part of the community."**

Ald. Ric McIver

to hear, but I just hope they can find a successful solution that works for them because they are such an important part of the community," McIver said.

Meals on Wheels spokesperson Kathryn Robson said the sale

makes sense for the organization because the building it bought is too big for its needs.

"We needed something bigger at the time, but the market was really tight. Now we have more options and we can sell and get the size we need and

re-invest the money back into the new location," she said.

Robson hopes the sale and a new property can be done within the next month.

"We're hoping for a quick turnaround."

The city invested \$1.5 million into the new location last year and McIver said they will discuss options at committee tomorrow.

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## Cops search for alleged fraudster

**WANTED** A man who allegedly claimed to be a victim of the Millrise condo fire last month in an effort to defraud his victim is being sought by police.

Acting Staff Sgt. Kristie Verheul alleged Michael David Demers, 34, approached another man in the front of a Shawnessy movie theatre on March 19, claiming to be a victim of the fire the day before that left 300 people homeless.

"He told the victim he lost everything in the fire and persuaded him to cash a cheque at his bank.

The victim later learned the cheque was stolen," Verheul said, adding the victim was offered cash for his help.

"It's common for people to use situations where there are real victims and prey on potential victims."

Police are seeking Demers, who also goes by the aliases Michael Carravaggio and Michael David Oosback, on charges of fraud, forgery and possession of stolen property.

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David Demers

## News in brief

**TAMPERING** Police are investigating two more cases of food tampering over the weekend they believe are the work of copy cats. Officials say two stores in the city's southeast were hit, one with metal pins in a bakery item and the other with metal pins in an apple. One incident occurred on Friday and the other yesterday.

**ARRESTED** Police have arrested a man wanted in relation to a physical assault of an 73-

year-old citizen in a mall parking lot and the theft of her car in March. Aaron Robert Valenta, 34, of no fixed address was found early Sunday morning in Banff allegedly in a stolen vehicle. He will remain in custody until a hearing later this week.

**EXHIBIT** On April 11, the TELUS World of Science as Calgary knows it will end and, after a three-week temporary closure, the transition to the new Science Centre will begin

with the unveiling of Dr. Gunther Von Hagens' Body Worlds and the Brain on April 30. The entire new centre will open in the fall of 2011.

**ARSON** The arson unit is now investigating a suspicious fire that forced an evacuation at Chinook Centre on Easter Sunday. The fire was in a non-public hallway but crews had to shut down the sprinkler system and put the flames out, officials said. The investi-

gation is continuing.

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The country's largest public-service union says it will fight a Canada Post decision to privatize parts of its operations. The Crown corporation announced last week it would outsource its contact centres and the National Philatelic Centre, eliminating more than 300 jobs across the country. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Canada



## Quebec a distinct nation: Duceppe

Bloc Quebecois Leader Gilles Duceppe says the days are long gone when Canada could offer a deal like the Meech Lake accord to keep Quebec from becoming sovereign. Duceppe says in an interview with The Canadian Press that Quebec wouldn't be satisfied with being recognized as a distinct society now because it's a distinct nation. The Bloc leader will be taking the pulse of Canadians on the idea of sovereignty during a cross-country tour during the next two weeks.

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## Whitby, Ont. **Friend's funeral**



Football players stand arm-in-arm as they watch pallbearers carry the casket of football player Mike McDonald, 16, yesterday in Whitby, Ont. McDonald was stabbed to death outside his Oshawa high school during a fight at a bus stop last week. He died in hospital. An 18-year-old fellow student was arrested.

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## Pardon 'so wrong,' says new accuser

**He's not sure which way it will go: The catharsis and focus of righteous anger? Or the black demons of despair and self-doubt?**

As the latest person to come forward claiming sexual abuse as a teen by former junior hockey coach Graham James, he's been instrumental in bringing to light James's controversial 2007 pardon by the National Parole Board.

A lawyer, separated father and longtime volunteer hockey coach, the man was first tipped to the fact James had been pardoned when he made his first tentative approach to police in Winnipeg concerning his own untold story.

He alleges James abused

### Board says...

• A pardon can make it easier for a convict who has turned their life around to get a job and travel abroad. The board says that helps not just the offender, but society.

not yet want to be identified, told The Canadian Press.

"Rather than deal with my demons with Graham, now I have an abundance of anger for the National Parole Board. Whether that's misdirected anger, I don't know.

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## Jet-setting MPs grounded after budgets rejected

**POLITICS** Federal politicians who've been jetting in style around the globe have had their wings clipped.

The proposed budgets for 13 parliamentary friendship associations — which send dozens of MPs and senators on coveted

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Afghan President Hamid Karzai threatened over the weekend to quit the political process and join the Taliban if he continued to come under outside pressure to reform, several members of parliament said yesterday. Lawmakers dismissed the latest comment as hyperbole. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# World



## Athletes' wedding plans under fire

Indian police have questioned former Pakistan cricket captain Shoaib Malik ahead of his marriage to Indian tennis star Sania Mirza, left, about another woman claiming to be his wife. The news of the Malik-Mirza wedding plans sparked instant news coverage in the region because neighbouring Pakistan and India are longtime rivals, and have fought three wars since their independence from Britain in 1947.

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## Deadly attack follows lull in Pakistani violence

**Islamist militants unleashed a car bomb and grenade attack against a U.S. consulate in northwestern Pakistan yesterday, killing four people and striking back after months of American missile strikes against Taliban and al-Qaida fighters in the region.**

Hours earlier, a suicide bomber killed 45 people and wounded more than 70 at a rally by a secular political party in the northwest that has supported recent Pakistani army offensives in the region close to Afghanistan, where the United States is battling a related insurgency.

The attacks follow a lull in violence since the beginning of the year, illustrating

the militants' resilience.

The multi-pronged strike against the consulate in Peshawar city was the first direct assault on a U.S. mission in the country since 2006. Officials said the four attackers in two vehicles hoped to breach the heavily fortified compound and kill people inside, but they failed to do that and caused only minor damage.

They detonated their first suicide vehicle at a checkpoint some 20 metres from the entrance to the consulate, said Peshawar police chief Liaquat Ali Khan. The second vehicle, which was carrying a

larger amount of explosives, was stopped at another security barrier, he said.

"The driver had no option but to detonate the vehicle right there," said Khan. The second blast killed two militants wearing suicide vests, said Khan.

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## Colombia Painful day



Maria Gomez, centre, and Maria Jaramillo, mother and sister of Manuel Jaramillo, 15, was among at least 21 people killed on Sunday, when a bus on the Medellin to Bogota highway left the road and fell down a cliff.

## 'Miracle' rescue of miners in China

**RESCUE** More than 100 Chinese miners were pulled out alive yesterday after being trapped for over a week in a flooded coal mine, where some ate sawdust and strapped themselves to the shafts' walls with their belts to avoid drowning while they slept.

Rescued miners wrapped in blankets, some with their light-sensitive eyes covered but their feet bare, were hurried to waiting ambulances that sped wailing to nearby hospitals. One clapped on his stretcher and reached out his

**"A miracle has finally happened."**  
Liu Dezheng, rescue spokesman

blackened hands to grasp those of rescuers on either side.

Rescuers in tears hugged each other at the scene, which was broadcast live on national television. The sudden surge in rescues was a rare piece of good news for China's mining industry, the deadliest in the world. A rescue

spokesman said 115 survivors had been pulled out as of yesterday morning.

"A miracle has finally happened," Liu Dezheng told reporters yesterday, after the first nine miners were taken out shortly after midnight. "We believe that more miracles will happen."

Of the 153 initially trapped, there are still 38 miners in the shaft. Rescuers expressed confidence they could be saved, but did not say whether there had been any contact with them. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## Twelve dead after deadly explosion in underground West Virginia coal mine

**WEST VIRGINIA** Rescuers converged on a remote coal mine where 12 workers were killed and more were missing deep underground after an explosion rocked the operation that has a history of violations for not properly ventilating highly combustible methane gas, safety officials said.

The blast occurred around 3 p.m. EDT yesterday at Massey Energy Co.'s sprawling Upper Big

Branch mine as nine miners on a vehicle that takes workers in and out of the mine were leaving, said Kevin Stricklin, agency administrator for Coal Mine Safety and Health. Stricklin said a crew ahead of the vehicle felt a blast of air and went back in to find out what happened.

They found the nine workers, seven of whom were killed. Two others were hurt and in the hospi-

tal, officials said. Stricklin said two other nine-person crews and a safety inspector who had been working alone were believed trapped, perhaps about two kilometres underground. Stricklin said officials don't believe a roof collapsed.

It was unclear whether the mine was safe enough for rescuers to enter and looking for the trapped men. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### News in brief

**CALIFORNIA** Inspectors red-tagged nearly 80 per cent of the Calexico, California's historic downtown area yesterday, where roofs were caved in, windows smashed and inventory strewn about after a

deadly Easter earthquake in Mexico.

**NEW YORK** Four people were shot and dozens were arrested yesterday in a stretch of Manhattan near Times Square in mayhem following the city's

auto show, police said. A group of teenagers and young adults ran amok, squaring off against one another and harassing pedestrians along a two-kilometre stretch of midtown. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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s the race for governor general over before it's begun? Canada has never had a member of our First Nations as governor general. That's quite an oversight and the word from the prime minister's

neighbourhood is that he has been thinking of this and feels it's time the problem was rectified.

The aboriginal candidate who is attracting attention is Inuit leader Mary Simon. If the prime minister can be satisfied she can do the job with rudimentary French, sources say she's got it in the bag.

Forget all those celebrity names being bandied about like William Shatner. The post requires experience in politics and public affairs. Among other positions in

her distinguished career, Simon has been ambassador to Denmark, ambassador for circumpolar affairs, chancellor of Trent University, and a negotiator for native peoples during the repatriation of the constitution.

She hails from a town in Nunavik in northern Quebec and Harper has become fond of the North since becoming prime minister. Northern development and Arctic sovereignty are among his top priorities. He has also taken a keener in-

terest than expected in the native peoples.

Put it all together and Simon — first revealed as a candidate for governor general by Maclean's last fall — appears an ideal choice. It would give the PM a first in history, it would be a great boost for the pride of the native peoples, and it would put a strong stamp on the Northern identity.

Simon has been taking French lessons for the past several months, apparently since her name began being bandied about as a governor

general candidate. Though her French is weak, it is stronger than that of Raymond Hnatyshyn, who served as governor general in the Mulroney years. Her appointment would mean two successive governors general from Quebec, but Simon would be seen less as a Quebec governor general than as a native peoples one.

The Paul Martin Liberals seriously considered an aboriginal for the post in 2005 before settling on Michaëlle Jean, who leaves after a

high-profile tenure that showed how important the governor general's post can be. In 2008, Jean granted a prorogation to Harper, one that may have saved his government.

From that point of view, Harper should be sorry to see her go. But if he is thinking of Simon as a replacement, he may very well have found a splendid successor.

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## Views

## Leave us the birds and the bees, please



Norm Beach

Four decades ago, in the year of the first Earth Day, Joni Mitchell took out her guitar and sang, "Hey farmer, farmer, put away that DDT, give me spots on my apples, but leave me the birds and the bees ... please!"

Amazingly, people and politicians listened and acted, and for the sake of the birds and bees, the toxic chemical DDT was banned. Briefly, it looked good for busy, buzzing, chirping and warbling creatures. But

their numbers have gone in to a tailspin.

In the 40 years since Joni Mitchell's wake-up call, it's been estimated that we've lost nearly half our birds. York University biologist Bridget Stutchbury (Silence Of The Songbirds) blames the destruction of forest habitat as well as poisoning due to pesticides. She recommends we buy organic produce and shade-grown coffee from farms that have preserved trees.

Ironically, bird-killing pesticides put us on a deadly treadmill because fewer insect-eating birds mean more bugs and even more toxic chemicals. And dwindling forests threatened by

wood-eating insects will get smaller still if there aren't enough birds to eat the bugs. We all know birds need trees. How many of us think about the fact that trees need birds?

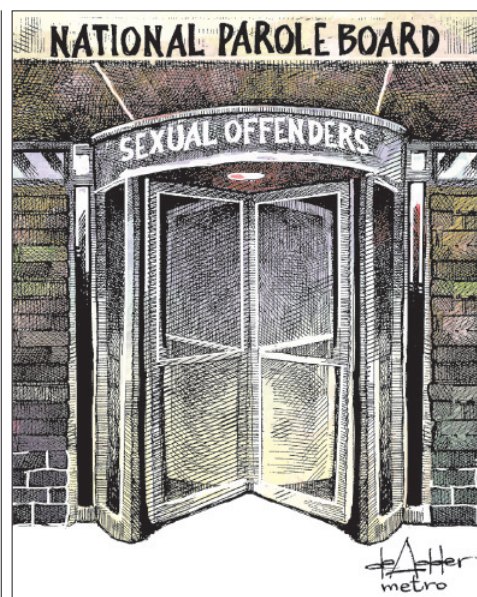
Pesticides are also killing bees and their dramatic population decline threatens our food supply. One-third of our diet comes from flowering plants pollinated by insects, mostly bees.

Recent bee die-offs have been called a mystery because scientists cannot agree on which of several factors is most important. But some widely used pesticides are known bee killers, and it might not be wise to

suspend judgment until all the bees are gone. Because the one certainty is if that happens, we'll be the ones to get stung.

The birds and the bees are not only a metaphor for the miracle of procreation. In terms of ecosystem health, they're like canaries in a coal mine. If they're in trouble, we're in trouble. It's time to wake up and smell the coffee (organic and shade-grown, please.) Otherwise, we will all be singing the saddest line in Joni Mitchell's song: You don't know what you've got till it's gone.

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## Prepare for Loonie's new norm: Analysts

The high-flying loonie renewed its flight towards parity with the American buck yesterday, forcing firms and individuals to adjust to what many believe will become a new normal in the relative value of the two currencies.

Boosted by cycle-high prices for oil and commodities, the loonie soared to within a whisker of parity yesterday, reaching as high as 99.87 cents US before closing at 99.72.

The currency has been flirting with par for more than a month, and economists believe it is now only a matter of time before the psychologically important barrier is breached.

"We're one good num-

**"We're one good number away from seeing the Canadian dollar through parity."**

Avery Shenfeld, CIBC chief economist

ber away from seeing the Canadian dollar through parity," said CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld.

If it doesn't happen earlier, the trigger may be Friday's employment report for March, particularly if Statistics Canada announces a higher gain than the 25,000 consensus call.

Scotiabank economists

sent a note to clients yesterday predicting the dollar will appreciate "well north of parity over the spring and summer months."

RBC currency analyst Matthew Strauss also believes the loonie could stay above parity for several months, although his view is that it will dip slightly below the greenback later in the year when the U.S. starts hiking interest rates.

Regardless of which side of the line the currency trades at any given time, Strauss said Canadians should get used to a strong loonie — within five cents of parity either way — perhaps for years.

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## London Giving Labour the boot?



British Shadow Chancellor George Osborne unveils the Conservative Party's new campaign poster in London, yesterday ahead of the upcoming election. The poster highlights the Conservative's claim that Labour finance plans will crush new businesses through taxation. The Labour party will stamp on the green shoots of recovery if they remain in power, Osborne said.

### Business in brief

**BIOMASS** A Cape Breton paper mill and Nova Scotia Power Inc. have announced plans to develop a biomass co-generation facility. Nova Scotia Power, a wholly owned subsidiary

of Emera Inc., will spend \$200 million on the 60-megawatt project. That figure includes \$93 million in construction costs for new facilities and \$80 million to buy assets from

NewPage Port Hawkesbury Corp., which operates its mill in nearby Point Tupper.

**MINING** Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. plans to build a larger-than-previously-planned operation at the Meliadine gold project in Nunavut, which the expanding global gold miner hopes to acquire in a \$648-million friendly purchase of

the development's current owner.

**WIRELESS** Mosaid Technologies Inc. has reached a five-year patent licensing deal with Japanese electronics giant Sharp Corp., which will get non-exclusive rights to certain wireless communications technology.

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## Apple sells more than 300,000 iPads on debut day

**TECH** Apple Inc. said yesterday that it sold more than 300,000 iPads on its opening day, meeting the expectations of some analysts while underscoring the challenges the company still faces marketing the much-anticipated device beyond early adopters.

The figures, which included pre-orders that were picked up or delivered Saturday, were hardly exceptional despite weeks of hype about the revolutionary nature of a new

class of device that falls somewhere between the phone and computer.

In a research note earlier yesterday,

Piper Jaffray analyst Gene Munster had doubled his initial forecast of first-day sales to 600,000 to 700,000, saying that "lines were longer than expected and supply was also better than expected." But the actual numbers announced by Apple were closer to his original estimates.

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### Coming soon

- Apple's iPad is expected to go on sale in Canada later this month.

## GM to install brake safety measure

**AUTO** General Motors will install a new brake safety measure that can prevent unintended acceleration on all its new vehicles worldwide by 2012, the company said yesterday.

The announcement comes as U.S. regulators consider making the technology mandatory on new cars and trucks after Toyota's problems with vehicles that can speed out of control. Congress is also exploring the issue after a string of

hearings last month on Toyota's recall of millions of vehicles over gas pedals that get stuck or trapped by floor mats.

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# The Savings Standoff

Making the transition from  
"I can't do it" to "I can get there".



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From the day we earn our first dollar, we're taught the value of saving. But somewhere along the line, the idea of saving money just seems to get harder and harder. By the time we reach adulthood — with all its responsibilities — many of us are convinced it's impossible to save.

What's stopping you from saving? Like most things in life, the hardest part is simply getting started. And the best way to get started is to establish a finishing line. Know your goal.

Saving money is like exercising. It takes motivation, determination, and an achievable goal. But, like exercise, once you start to see the benefits of your commitment, it feels so good! Visualize your goal. Maybe it's a new HDTV. Or something bigger: a family vacation to the sunny south. Next, set a date you plan to reach it — six months from now? A year?

But back to that inner voice whispering: "Money's too tight to save". Be honest. How much can you realistically put aside every week or two? Twenty-five dollars a week might seem like a lot of money, but you probably won't miss it — and that can add up to \$1,300 in a year!

So where do you find that elusive \$25?

Start by examining your monthly finances — it's impossible to make wise saving decisions without taking a good, hard look at your budget — how much you earn vs. how much you spend. This will take time and dedication. Write down all your spending over a three-month period. This includes everything from fixed, ongoing expenditures like rent or mortgage payments, utilities and food, to little things like takeout lunches, movie nights, and your daily coffee fix.

Over time, you'll see some definite patterns, and chances are there are lots of expendable items that could translate into money in the bank. From there — and this is the toughest part — you need to prioritize. What's more important, that long-awaited family getaway, or your morning latté on the way to work? The point is, *you can save*. All it takes is a goal. And a healthy dose of dedication.

**Next week: The first rule of saving.**

## SET YOUR GOAL AND GO GET IT!

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### Your Money

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# How to prepare for higher rates

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It's official. Last week the major banks raised mortgage rates — 60 basis points for a five-year fixed to 5.85 per cent from 5.25 per cent. Variable rate holders are quaking. Do you lock in, hold your breath and pray, downsize to delightful Musquodoboit Harbour?

Panic not. June 1 is the consensus pick by the pundits for the central bank to increase interest rates. But I doubt we are going to see precipitous rises to match the fall-off-a-cliff prime rate decline from 6.25 per cent at the end of 2007 to 2.25 per cent in early 2009. So there will likely be time to prepare and consider.

If you are one of the lucky ones with a variable rate pegged a certain percentage below prime — some are as much as one per cent — you still have lots of cushion. Even if you



didn't crack such a yummy deal, any variable rate pegged at a quarter to half over prime or less is one you need to hold on to.

Interest rates could certainly rise by a couple of percentage points in the future if the Consumer Price Index (CPI) keeps increasing. But if your term has a couple of years or more remaining then you will still be saving on interest costs with a variable rate. Of course, you do risk renewing your mortgage at a higher rate than if you had locked in now.

Fixed or variable the best way to protect yourself is to pay down your mortgage while you have the

most advantageous rate. The more you take off the principal the less exposed you are to higher rates in the future.

One reader is attacking her mortgage by cancelling Internet and cable TV service — neither of which she uses much since she leads a busy life. And she intends to get rid of her cellphone when the contract comes due shortly and (this is huge) do her own manicures. The \$185 a month saved will nicely speed her mortgage on its way.

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## 5 reasons why you should file a family tax return

Filing a tax return is the key to unlocking the benefits available to your family. This year, keep more of your dollars in your pocket by checking out some of the benefits your family may be eligible for, including:

**1** The Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB) — a tax-free monthly benefit for children under 18.

**2** The Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB) — a taxable, guaranteed benefit of \$100 per month per child up to the age of six.

**3** The Child Disability Benefit — a tax-free benefit for families who care for a child under age 18 with a severe and prolonged impairment in physical or mental functions.

**4** The goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax (GST/HST) credit — a credit that helps individuals and families with modest incomes offset all or part of the GST or HST they pay on most goods and services.

**5** The working income tax benefit — a tax

credit that provides tax relief for eligible working low-income individuals and families who are already in the workforce.

You can find out more at [www.cra.gc.ca/benefits](http://www.cra.gc.ca/benefits), and if you have questions about the CCTB or the UCCB, you can call the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) at 1-800-387-1193.

To maximize your benefits and make sure your payments are not interrupted, you have to keep the CRA updated on any changes in your address, marital status, the number of children in your care, and your direct deposit information. You can do so by calling 1-800-959-8281.

If you need help filling out your income tax return, you may be able to attend a volunteer-run tax clinic in your area. Go to [www.cra.gc.ca/volunteer](http://www.cra.gc.ca/volunteer) for information and clinic times.

### Your Money in brief

**TAXPAYERS** Canada Revenue Agency's My Account (at [www.cra.gc.ca/myaccount](http://www.cra.gc.ca/myaccount)) allows a taxpayer to track tax return and refunds; view and apply for child and family benefits; view GST/HST credit payment details; view tax-free sav-

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## Your Money

# American markets still at bargain levels

## Investing

Allan Small

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As we strive to get back to all-time highs on the Toronto Stock Exchange, we must remember what these levels are and how we once got there.

If you recall, the TSX hit all-time highs back in the summer of 2008. Conversely, the U.S. markets (DOW and S&P) reached their highs almost one year prior in the fall of 2007.

Why did the TSX reach its highs almost a year later when normally the TSX tends to follow the performance of the U.S. exchanges quite closely?

The answer is oil. Oil reached its highest levels of about \$150 per barrel at the beginning of the summer in 2008. Oil was the main factor that took our country's main index high-

er when all other major North American markets were already falling.

Today we have oil trading between \$80 and \$90 per barrel. Many analysts believe we will stay in this range for quite some time. So if one was to attempt to calculate based on an \$85 per barrel oil price where the all-time high on the TSX would be, they may calculate a much lower level. Perhaps 14,000 would be the right level?

That was the value of the TSX in the fall of 2007. Therefore, with oil at these lower levels currently (as compared to the summer of 2008) perhaps our stock market is closer

to energy sector, are we getting close to appropriate valuations based on current earnings projections? The answer is closer to yes now than just a few months ago. In my opinion, if our country's markets were to move higher, the growth will have to continue to be driven by commodities and energy.

Although the Canadian market keeps moving higher, I believe there are much better opportunities south of the border. With our dollar so strong compared to the U.S. greenback, investors in Canada can gain access to a larger and cheaper market almost at par levels.

This is a huge opportunity for investors, especially since I believe the U.S. markets still have a long way to go to get back to where they were prior to the recession. I feel the Canadian markets are closer to fair value at this time.

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## Dividends more tax friendly

## MoneyMatters

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**Q** I am single and will have no income this year. However, I receive dividends from my investments. How much dividend can I receive and at what rate will I be taxed? Are all dividends treated and reported the same for tax purposes? — Drew

**A** Dividends are more tax friendly than interest income and most other

forms of income.

There are several types of dividends but most individuals are commonly exposed to foreign, eligible and ineligible dividends.

Foreign dividends received from U.S. corporations are taxed similar to interest income.

Since 2005, publicly traded shares such as Bell, RBC, Suncor pay out eligible dividends and many private corporations pay out ineligible dividends. Not to dwell on the technical aspects, the type of dividend is determined based on whether the company benefited from the small business deduction or its general rate income pool (GRIP).

Individuals who receive eligible dividends are taxed on a grossed-up 145 per cent and will receive a 19 per cent tax credit (of the grossed-up dividend).

An individual with no other income can receive approximately \$50,000 before paying any income taxes. Taxpayers in receipt of an ineligible dividend are taxed on the grossed-up 125 per cent and get a 13 per cent tax credit (of grossed-up amount).

Individuals can receive about \$37,000 in dividend before paying taxes.

Generous amounts for some risk taking.

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Opening-day baseball salaries grew despite the recession, although at a slower rate than in recent years. The average salary went up 1.8 per cent to \$3.3 million US at the start of season, according to an analysis of rosters by The Associated Press. The increase was the lowest since a 2.7 per cent drop in 2004. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Sports

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## Pippen, Malone headed to Hall

Karl Malone, Scottie Pippen, left, and two of the best U.S. Olympic teams were selected yesterday as part of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame's Class of 2010. The 1960 and 1992 U.S. Olympic teams, which both won Olympic gold medals, will be part of the induction ceremony on Aug. 13. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Jon Scheyer of the Duke Blue Devils reacts in the second half while taking on the Butler Bulldogs yesterday.

## Duke edges Butler for title

**NCAA** Duke won its fourth national championship last night, forcing Butler's Gordon Hayward to miss with four seconds left to hold off the Bulldogs 61-59 and end the tiny school's run at the title.

Kyle Singler had 19 points for the Blue Devils and Brian Zoubek rebounded Hayward's miss and hit one free throw with 3.6 seconds left to give Duke a two-point lead, ending Butler's try for a Hoosiers sequel one win short of the Hollywood ending.

The Blue Devils (35-5) snapped Butler's 25-game winning streak and brought the long-awaited fourth national title back home to Carolina and the Cameron Crazies.

The "Big Three" — Singler, Jon Scheyer and

Nolan Smith — won the Big One for coach Mike Krzyzewski, his first championship since 2001 and the fourth overall, tying Coach K with Adolph Rupp for second place on the all-time list.

Butler (33-5) shaved a five-point deficit to one and had a chance to win it, when its best player, Hayward, took the ball at the top of the key, spun and worked his way to the baseline, but was forced to put up an off-balance fade-away from 15 feet.

He missed, Zoubek got the rebound and made the first of two free throws. He missed the second one intentionally, and Duke's title wasn't secure until Hayward's desperation heave bounded out.

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Craig Heatley, chairman of the Masters media committee, sits alongside Tiger Woods as he addresses reporters yesterday at the Masters.

## 'I need to be a better man than I was': Tiger

### Golfer faces media, discusses bad behaviour

**Tiger Woods, acknowledging he has "acted terribly," says he has to become a better man in the future.**

In his first unrestricted meeting with the media, the star golfer said his fall from grace, like the death of his father and the birth of his children, had shown him what really matters.

"It's not about the championships, it's about how you live your life," he told a news conference at the Masters. "And I hadn't done that the right way for a while. I need to change that. Going forward, I need to be a better man than I was before."

"Just because I've gone through treatment doesn't mean it stops."

Woods said his double life had taken a toll on his golf, despite his many successes.

"I won numerous tournaments over the last couple of years but I wasn't having anywhere near the amount of fun. Why? Because look what I was engaged in. Living a life where you're lying all the time, life's not fun. That's where I was. Now that's been stripped all away and here I am and it feels fun again."

Woods also revealed he had five stitches in his mouth after the infamous Thanksgiving night car crash that exposed details of his sordid private life.

"I acted terribly, poorly, made just incredibly bad decisions, decisions that have hurt so many people close to me," he said.

Asked how he kept his other life a secret, he said: "I fooled myself as well. I lied to a lot of people, deceived a lot of people."

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## Sports in brief

**BASEBALL** Red Sox ace Josh Beckett agreed to a \$68-million US, four-year contract extension through the 2014 season, solidifying one of baseball's best rotations. Beckett gets a \$5-million signing bonus, payable when the contract is approved by the commissioner's office, and annual salaries of \$15.75 million.

**SOCCER** Newcastle clinched a return to the Premier League when Nottingham Forest was held to a 0-0 tie at home by Cardiff yesterday, guaranteeing the Magpies a top-two finish in the second-tier League Championship. Newcastle (26-4-11) has 89 points following a 2-1 victory over Sheffield United, six more than West Bromwich Albion (24-7-11), which tied 1-1 at Watford.

**CURLING** Canada's Kevin Koe continued his hot start at the Capital One World Men's Curling championship. The Edmonton skip defeated host Italy 7-5 and Sweden 8-4 to improve to 5-0. Canada and Scotland, which is also 5-0, will square off in the morning draw today.

**BASKETBALL** Toronto Raptors forward Chris Bosh was named the NBA's Eastern Conference player of the week for the seventh time in his career yesterday, tying Vince Carter for the most in team history. Bosh averaged 31.5 points, 11.5 rebounds, shot .594 (41-for-69) from the field and .846 (44-for-52) from the free-throw line in leading the Raptors to a 3-1 mark.

**BASEBALL** Cliff Lee had planned to play long toss Friday as part of his recovery from a strained abdominal muscle. He's feeling so good, he will throw a regular bullpen session instead. That's big news for the Seattle Mariners, who can't wait to get their new co-ace on the mound in a game that counts at last.

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**Seahawks trade Sims to Lions**

The Seattle Seahawks have traded guard Rob Sims to the Detroit Lions for defensive end Robert Henderson. The deal was announced by the Seahawks yesterday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Many memories from opening day

**Albert Pujols launched two home runs, Roy Halladay looked every bit an ace and Barack Obama pulled out a White Sox hat to make his presidential pitch.**

Still, no one had a bigger blast on opening day than Jason Heyward.

Billed as the majors' next phenom, this Braves prospect bridged baseball's past and future yesterday when he caught the ceremonial first ball from Hank Aaron.

Then with the Atlanta crowd chanting his name, the 20-year-old Heyward mashed a three-run homer on his first swing in the big leagues.

"I felt my legs, but I couldn't hear myself think," he said. "I think I'll remember that the most ... how loud it was."

Nice job, rook. Mark McGwire made a more quiet return.

Back in baseball after admitting he took steroids, Big Mac drew little reaction in Cincinnati when he was introduced as the new



Jason Heyward of the Atlanta Braves hits a three-run home run against the Chicago Cubs during opening day at Turner Field in Atlanta, Ga., yesterday.

hitting coach for the St. Louis Cardinals.

In New York, there were a few boos.

After seeing their club crippled by injuries last season, Mets fans heckled — of all people — the

team trainers. Tough crowd!

Cubs manager Lou Piniella didn't seem real pleased, either, when the umpires' call went against him on a dropped fly ball. After a post-season dotted

with missed calls, there are sure to be more shouts this year for extra instant replay.

A day after Boston beat the World Series champion New York Yankees in the major league opener,

most everyone else swung into action.

On a huge sports day in America — the NCAA men's basketball championship game, the Tiger Woods news conference — baseball delivered a full first day.

There were 13 games on the schedule, plus a bid for history.

Toronto pitcher Shaun Marcum took a no-hitter into the seventh inning at Texas before it got broken up. His effort was even more remarkable because he missed the entire 2009 season with elbow trouble.

Too bad for the Blue Jays, they were beaten in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Toronto lost 5-4 to the Rangers as Texas rallied for the win on Jarrod Saltalamacchia's RBI single in the bottom of the ninth.

"What a way to start the season," Toronto manager Cito Gaston lamented.

"We start with almost a no-hitter and it leads to a loss."

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## Bruins fall to Capitals in overtime

### NHL RESULT

**Boston 2 Washington 3 (OT)**



**NHL** Brooks Laich's power-play goal 44 seconds into overtime gave the Washington Capitals a 3-2 win over the Boston Bruins last night.

The Bruins gained a point and moved into seventh place in the Eastern Conference with 85 points. Montreal is sixth with 86 points and Philadelphia is in eighth place with 84 points.

Laich's goal came 20 seconds after Boston's Dennis Wideman was called for high-sticking, and the Capitals had the 4-on-3 advantage. Laich beat Boston goalie Tuukka Rask, who finished with 27 saves. Alex Ovechkin finished with two assists.

The Capitals played their first game as winners of the Presidents' Trophy for most points in the league. They clinched home-ice advantage throughout the playoffs on Sunday night when San Jose lost in overtime to Colorado.

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## This week key to Raptors' playoff hopes

**NBA** Saddled with one of the youngest rosters in the NBA, the Toronto Raptors spent the first 76 games of the season absorbing their share of tough lessons.

The next three games will go a long way in determining whether the growing pains were worth it.

The Raptors (38-38) are clinging to the eighth and final playoff spot in the East as they embark on their toughest stretch of the year, facing three of the top four teams in their conference. It all begins tonight against the NBA-leading Cleveland Cavaliers (60-17).

Toronto hosts the Boston Celtics (48-28) a night later before hitting the road Friday to take on the Atlanta Hawks (49-27). The Raptors conclude their gruelling

### Tiebreaker

• Toronto owns the eighth-place tiebreaker over the Bulls, and a win Sunday over Chicago would put the Raptors in firm control of their fate ahead of two winnable games to close out the campaign.

week Sunday with a home game against the Chicago Bulls (37-39), who sit just one game behind them for eighth in the East.

Knowing that things were about to get a whole lot tougher, the Raptors hoped they could use last week's easier schedule to build some momentum. But after wins over the L.A. Clippers and Philadelphia 76ers, Toronto fell behind by as

many as 16 points to Golden State Sunday and came up short after Chris Bosh missed the potential game-winning shot at the buzzer.

Toronto point guard Jarrett Jack said the team missed out on a chance to build a confidence-boosting winning streak entering today's game against the powerhouse Cavaliers.

"It just shows that if we picked up that intensity that we played with 45 seconds earlier, or a minute earlier, it wouldn't have come down to us trying to make a heroic shot at the buzzer," Jack said following the game.

"Maybe we walk away winning this game and everybody is happy instead of being mad."

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Toronto Raptors forward Chris Bosh reacts after missing a last second shot in the Raptors' 113-112 loss to the Golden State Warriors on Sunday in Toronto.

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# Food

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## Tried and true recipes

Family and neighbours at Jeanelle Mitchell's summer cottage in northern Ontario have been the lucky recipients of her fabulous salads over the years. "Last summer I tested every recipe for this new book at our cottage," says the author of *For the Love of Salad* (Whitecap, paperback, \$19.95). In addition to recipes, the book also provides tips on cutting and preparing vegetables and the basic principles behind creating a spectacular dressing. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Spring into brunch classics

Welcome the season with a fresh open faced omelette and tomato salad



Open Faced Omelette Turkey Sausage, Swiss Chard and Fontina Cheese.  
Right: Honey Pear and Almond Cake.

### Spring has sprung! And, for once, it's even come a little early.

Celebrate the warming weather and budding blossoms with a spring brunch full of bright, fresh flavours. Invite a few friends over, pour the mimosas (champagne mixed with freshly squeezed orange juice and a splash of curaçao), sit back and enjoy. Heck, you may even be able to throw open the windows.

An omelette is a brunch classic, and nothing says spring more than fresh eggs. This Open-Faced Omelette with Turkey Sausage, Swiss Chard and Fontina Cheese has a wonderful variety of flavours, including the mild creaminess of the Fontina, and the earthiness of the Swiss chard. Swiss chard tends to be underappreciated, but it's full of vitamins and a great source of dietary fibre. Best of all, its stems come in a variety of colours, and you can use them interchangeably.

A simple Fresh Tomato Salad is a beautiful pairing for the omelette, and is ready in a flash.

And because no brunch spread is complete without

a little sweet, try this incredibly easy (and unbelievably delicious) Honey, Pear and Almond Cake. Complete the spread with some fresh bread, a variety of fruit and freshly brewed coffee.

- CHRISTY PENGILLY

### Open Faced Omelette with Turkey Sausage, Swiss Chard and Fontina Cheese

SERVES 4

PREP TIME: 5 MINUTES

COOKING TIME: 10 MINUTES

RECIPE DEVELOPER: PAULA BOWMAN

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 6 eggs
- 2 Tbsp milk
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp freshly grated black pepper
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 8 ounces turkey sausage, casings removed
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced (about 1/4 cup)
- 1 bunch Swiss chard, cut crosswise into 1-inch chiffonade (about 4 cups)
- 1/2 cup fontina cheese, grated
- 4-5 basil leaves, torn

#### METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler to high.
2. In a medium bowl,

lightly whisk eggs, milk, salt and pepper and set aside.

3. At medium high, heat oil in a 10-inch oven-safe non-stick skillet. Add sausage and cook, breaking into smaller pieces with the back of a wooden spoon until cooked through, about 4 minutes. Add green onions, stir 20 seconds until beginning to wilt, transfer to a plate and set aside.

4. Return skillet to heat; add Swiss chard and cook, stirring until beginning to wilt, about 3 minutes. Add sausage mixture to pan and stir. Add eggs to sausage mixture and tilt pan to cover bottom with egg mixture and distribute ingredients evenly. Push eggs away from sides and let uncooked eggs run to bottom of pan to cook. Sprinkle basil over egg mixture and cover top of omelette with cheese.

5. Cook for 3 to 5 minutes, until eggs are just set on the bottom. Transfer skillet to middle rack of the oven and broil until top is set, about 3-4 minutes. Cut



Fresh Tomato Salad.

into wedges and serve immediately.

### Fresh Tomato Salad

SERVES 4

PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES

SUBMITTED BY GREG STEWART, ST JOHNS, NL; TESTED BY JILL CASHMAN

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 5 Roma or on-the-vine tomatoes
- 1 small red onion, minced
- 1 clove garlic, pressed
- 4 Tbsp lemon juice (or red wine vinegar)
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup fresh Parmesan
- Pinch dried oregano
- Pinch fresh parsley or chives, minced
- salt and pepper to taste

#### METHOD:

1. Wash and cut tomatoes into bite-sized pieces.
2. Combine red onion, garlic, lemon juice and olive oil. Mix to combine. Add spices and salt and pepper to taste.
3. Toss tomatoes in dressing. Grate Parmesan onto tomatoes before serving.

### Honey Pear and Almond Cake

SERVES 4 TO 6

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES

COOKING TIME: 40 MINUTES

SUBMITTED BY JANICE CHOI, TORONTO, ON; TESTED BY CHRISTY PENGILLY

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 bosc pear, cored, unpeeled and thinly sliced
- 2 Tbsp honey (or sugar)
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg (fresh grated if possible)
- 1 Tbsp butter
- 1/2 package white cake mix
- 1/4 cup ground almonds
- 1/2 cup applesauce
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 egg
- 2 Tbsp toasted slivered almonds

#### METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Heat butter in a small nonstick pan over medium-high heat. Add honey and pear slices. Sprinkle with cinnamon and nutmeg. Cook for 5 minutes and remove from heat.
3. While pears cook, whisk together cake mix and ground almonds into a bowl. Add all remaining ingredients except slivered almonds and mix until just combined. Empty into a 8-inch round cake pan sprayed with cooking spray.
4. Arrange cooked pears in concentric circles starting from the middle.
5. Sprinkle with slivered almonds.
6. Bake in a 8" round baking pan for 45-50 minutes at 350°F.

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## Season sippers

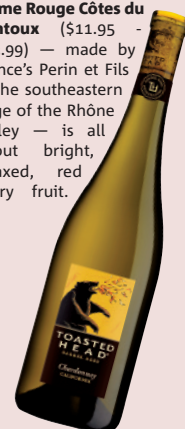
Winter has its advantages. When the weather outside is

frightful I've got the perfect excuse to avoid all the outdoor work I hate so much. Sadly, come spring the lawn, the peeling paint and that deck of mine (that I really should stain) start to call out to me.

One of my resolutions for 2010 was to spend more effort keeping the Rockwell mansion shipshape and over the last few days I've thought long and hard about keeping that promise to myself. Since I think best with a glass in hand I got the wheels turning with a couple of season friendly wines.

Though over oaked whites may have fallen out of favour with the masses; a fresh, tropical chardonnay with just a little wood matches nicely with springy aromatics and lighter menus. The **2008 Toasted Head Chardonnay** (\$16.95 - \$17.99) gets its grapes from various California regions which inject its creamy fruit flavour with soft citrus and butterscotch undertones.

Warming temperatures match best with lighter reds and the **2008 La Vieille Ferme Rouge Côtes du Ventoux** (\$11.95 - \$13.99) — made by France's Perin et Fils at the southeastern edge of the Rhône Valley — is all about bright, relaxed, red berry fruit.



Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.





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# Health & Beauty

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## How to start training like a Titan

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### THE TITAN PUSH-UP

Step 1:

Place both hands in front of you on the ground, shoulder width apart. Place feet wide apart, making sure that both arms and legs remain straight. Back must remain flat with your head looking forward, getting ready to do the push-up.

**Step 2:** Slightly bend your arms, causing you to bring your upper body

ward. You want to remain having a flat back as you skim your torso across the floor.

**Step 3:** Continue moving your body forward and up until your arms are straight again. This will cause your lower back to arch as your hips become lower to the ground. As a result your back should be arched slightly while you are thrusting forward.

### THE TITAN SQUAT

**Step 1:** Begin your Titan Squat in a basic squat position. This means that your feet are shoulder width apart and your arms are straight in front of you. Bend your knees so that your legs make 90 degree angles.

**Step 2:** From the basic squat position, jump up as

high as you can while making a 180 degree switch of position in the air.

**Step 3:** After completing a 180 degree jump, you want to land in the same squat position as in step 1.

### THE TITAN LUNGE

**Step 1:** Start off in a lunge position. Place your left foot in front and bend both legs until both legs end up in a 90 degree angle. Back should remain straight and in an upright position.

**Step 2:** From the initial lunge position, engage your glute muscles, your core muscles and your quadriceps to help give you the strength and power to jump up.

**Step 3:** Finish your Titan Lunge in a basic lunge position.

### THE TITAN SPRAWL

**Step 1:** Begin on your knees with your back straight. Make sure that your knees remain shoulder width apart.

**Step 2:** From the position in step one, use your arms to help elevate you as you jump from your knees to your feet.

**Step 3:** Land your jump from your knees onto your feet. You want to land

in a squat position. Make sure that as you transfer from your knees to your feet, your back remains straight and your feet remain shoulder width apart.

**Step 4:** Jump up as high as you can. This is an explosive movement that requires you to perform the jump as soon as you feet from step 3 are on the ground.

**Step 5:** As you land your jump, bend over and place your hands on the ground shoulder width apart.

**Step 6:** Sprawl. Shoot your feet back so that your hips are touching the ground. Your feet should be slightly wider than shoulder width and your arms should be straight.

Step 1 of the Titan Sprawl.

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## Staying fit will improve your sex life

### The J Spot

Josey Vogels

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Okay so that New Year's Resolution to start exercising and get in shape never amounted to anything. Maybe you just need some added incentive. How about this? Regular cardiovascular exercise will improve your sex life.

In a study at the University of California, San Diego, 78 sedentary middle-aged men (their average age was 48) did aerobics every other day for an hour. After nine months they made love 30 per cent more often and masturbated 50 per cent

more often. That's because exercise not only relieves stress, relaxes you, increases your energy and stamina, and improves self-esteem and self-confidence (all very sex-positive), working yourself into a big, smelly sweat actually also makes you randy. Cardiovascular exercise elevates endorphins in your bloodstream and increases adrenaline and testosterone (in women too) — all the things your brain needs to make you want to say, "Do me!"

There are other sex-specific benefits from exercise.

For women, regular exercise keeps your genitals nice and fit. Like other muscles in your body, the ones around your vagina get flabby with age leading to incontinence or a prolapsed uterus. As fun as all that sounds, regular exercise can help to avoid these problems.

And guys, you're not always going to be the studly young things you are now. Men's levels of arousal and their ability to maintain erections wane as you age. Regular exercise will keep your blood pumping ... everywhere.

Also, a good set of butt and lower back muscles will give you stamina and keep you from collapsing while you're doing the deed.

Abs of steel, strong thighs and a decent set of shoulders don't hurt either, and that goes for men and women.

Finally, sex in itself can be a good workout. During a good session of sex (the kind that leaves your legs rubbery and your head light), your heart rate multiplies as much as three times, and your breathing is almost twice as fast.

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Josey Vogels is a sex and relationship columnist and author of five books on the subjects. For more info, visit joseyvogels.com.



**Brangelina in Bosnia**

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt visited Bosnia yesterday, intending to spotlight the plight of 117,000 people who have not been able to return to their homes, even though the Bosnia war ended 15 years ago. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Entertainment

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**The first brick**

Madonna will lay the first brick of her Raising Malawi Academy for Girls today, signalling the official start of construction of the \$15 million academy, set to open in 2011. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Rufus Wainwright plays on

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N.Y., recalling some concerts he's played recently. "But I'd hit a chord and sing a note and somehow it just opened the floodgates to a sea of memories and feelings. I was completely flabbergasted and beside myself. There's a musical language that corresponds to her spirit for sure."

Whether it's real or imagined on my part, that spirit seems to be all over his new disc.

Rufus Wainwright has always been an emotional artist — he's written about his addictions to drugs, talked openly about his sexual history and he hasn't shied away from singing about his famous family. But his latest record may be his most introspective yet. The album, *All Days Are Nights: Songs for Lulu*, was written while his mother, the popular Canadian folk singer Kate McGarrigle, was battling cancer.

She died in January, with Wainwright, his songwriting sister Martha and his folk singing father, and McGarrigle's ex, Loudon Wainwright III by her side.

When I spoke to the Montreal-raised artist about two months after his mother's death, he sounded exhausted. But, as usual, he didn't shy away from talking about his personal life.

"There have been times where I've just been going through the motions," he says on the phone from a beach house in Montauk,

The record is a stunning collection of haunting piano and vocal-only songs that deal with illness, loneliness and also hope. Not every song is explicitly about his family, but tracks such as *Martha*, tackle his mother's cancer — and his relationship with his sister — head on.

"One of the great natural mysteries of the musical world is my family," he says half-joking, explaining why he writes about his relatives. "The fact is we are all successful, but not we're the Jacksons thank God. We've all managed to carve out our own singular sounds that are in one way distant, but also complementary to each other. It's a real anomaly."

The songwriting on this record gives those heartfelt lyrics an even, softer edge. The spare instrumenta-



Rufus Wainwright's new album, *All Days Are Nights: Songs for Lulu*, was written while his mother, the popular Canadian folk singer Kate McGarrigle, was battling cancer. She died in January.

tion (though the piano is incredibly complex) is a far cry from the artist's usual over-the-top musical-like pop. It was as if he wanted to bring his songwriting back to basics so he could show off

just what he

learned from his mother and father over the years.

McGarrigle did get to hear some of the album — if not on record, at least while he was writing.

Because the piano arrangements were some of the most involved pieces he's ever composed, he had to practice — a lot.

"My poor mother was ill upstairs, and be-

**"I'd hit a chord and sing a note and somehow it just opened the floodgates to a sea of memories and feelings."**

Rufus Wainwright

cause I was really hammering out this album it wasn't a delightful listening experience," he says. "I'd go upstairs and she'd be like, 'I'm not sure about this record, it sounds good to see live, but it's a bitch to listen too.'"

Wainwright knows he still has many months ahead of him before the grief begins to subside, but that won't keep him from playing. If anything, his mother's death will keep him going. "When she died there was this almost instantiations and incredible reaction from the world press about her," he says. "It wasn't just about her being our mother, or being part of the McGarrigle sisters, but even about her own quirky view on things. There was a strong sense of a major accomplishment and legacy that I have to propagate."

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Director Vic Sarin sheds light on *A Shine of Rainbows*

KUMAR SAHA  
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**Vic Sarin's *A Shine of Rainbows* — in theatres Friday — is an apt title for a film soaked in primary colours, and well, rainbows. But it could also be a fitting way to sum up the veteran Canadian director's philosophy of filmmaking.**

Over the years, Sarin has worked the whole spectrum of cinematic subjects, including the Genie-nominated thriller *Cold Comfort*, documentaries like *Dig Those Diggers* and *The Gurkhas of Nepal*, and 2007's period drama *Partition* — also his first self-penned screenplay.

The 65-year-old filmmaker says this eclecticism is deliberate.

"I like to do different things all the time. Each of these films opens a new door for me," explains the Kashmir-born Sarin, who won the Kodak New Century Award last month for his



Newcomer John Bell and Connie Nielsen star in *A Shine of Rainbows*, directed by Canadian filmmaker Vic Sarin.

parallel work as a cinematographer.

But there's one constant factor in Sarin's choices: the film's narrative has to appeal to him at a "human level."

Sarin felt this connection with Scottish writer Lillian Beckwith's novel *A Shine of Rainbows* — a "timeless, classical" book that remained stuck in his mind since he read it almost 20 years ago.

What attracted Sarin most was the character of Maire O'Donnell, a child-

less Irish woman who adopts a young orphan boy and gives him not only her unconditional love and but also introduces him to the natural wonders of coastal Ireland.

"She's the glue (of the story)," says Sarin, adding that he saw a bit of himself in Maire's ability to focus on life's positives and find magic and colour in everything around her.

"Colours to me really mean joy, which I use a lot in this film, and joy translates to love. It's metaphori-

cally very much the foundation of this film."

Being set in Ireland, Aidan Quinn (best known for his role as Irish firebrand Harry Boland in 1996's *Michael Collins*) was an obvious pick for Maire's stoic husband Alec in the film. But Sarin wasn't so sure about Danish actress Connie Nielsen — who shot to fame as Princess Lucilla in Ridley Scott's *Gladiator* — for the pivotal role of Maire. That impression changed quickly.

"She's very much what you see on camera — very warm and caring but also very professional. She pulled off the Irish accent, and she did it all within 10 days," Sarin says.

Equally impressive was 11-year-old John Bell, who plays orphan Tomas in his first feature film.

"John is a very talented young man and I think you will see a lot of him. The moment he came in, I thought this is my boy," Sarin says.

## DVD picks

### Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans

Directors: Werner Herzog

**NICOLAS CAGE TAKES** the junkie lawman character from Abel Ferrara's 1992 original *Bad*



*Lieutenant* to a whole new level of weirdness, aided by director Werner Herzog's relocating of the action from New York to the dank back alleys and furtive hotel rooms of post-Katrina New Orleans.

Everybody in Herzog's vision of the Big Easy is tightly wound, tripping pharmaceutically or on the take — or all three in the case of Cage's Terence McDonagh, a once-noble cop whose life has taken a tragic turn downhill.

Herzog told Cage to "set the pig loose" with his portrayal of McDonagh and does he ever. McDonagh's huge appetite for drugs, sex and violence makes

him more scary than the gators and iguanas that pop up unannounced, although the critters might just be a figment of a fevered mind that is perilously close to flipping out.

The slim extras include a making-of featurette and a digital photobook of on-set photos, shot by Herzog's wife Lena.

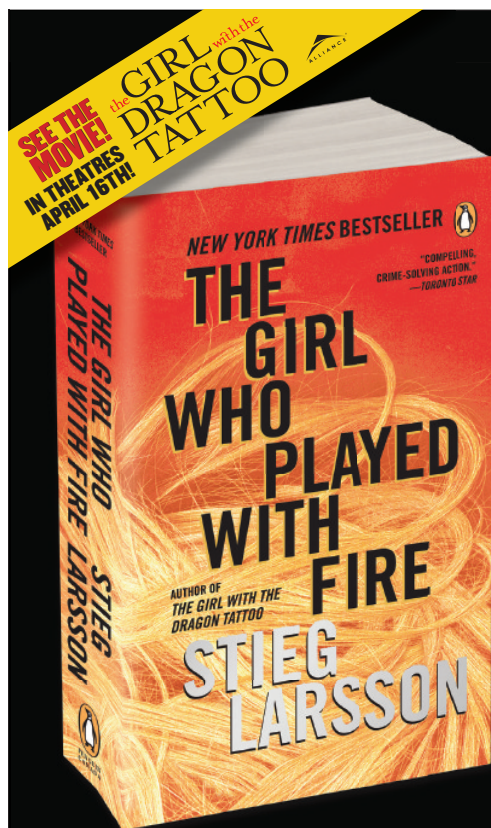
### The Lord of the Rings Trilogy (Blue-ray)

Directors: Peter Jackson

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# The Wiggles rock on film for pre-schoolers

The Wiggles have built an empire that includes a theme park, a wildly successful TV show, CDs, DVDs, toys and a live tour that draws packed houses around the world.

Now, the Australian supergroup is aiming to conquer Canadian multiplexes with a concert film set to screen in theatres across the country this Saturday and Sunday.

The Wiggles — Big Big Show In the Round is being billed as the first-ever live concert movie for pre-schoolers. Group member Anthony Field says fans will be blown away by the scope of the circus-themed extravaganza.

"I can't think of anyone else that's done a movie for kids like this," he said in a recent interview from the band's offices in Sydney. "Especially on this scale. In the words of P.T. Barnum, you won't believe your eyes." Field, a.k.a. the Blue Wiggle, says the group was approached to



The Wiggles - Big Big Show In the Round, billed as the first-ever live concert movie for pre-schoolers, hits multiplexes this weekend.

do the big-screen concert — shot Dec. 20, 2009 at Sydney's Acer Arena — because there was so much demand for tickets to their live performances.

"This company came to us and said: 'Look, out in the country the kids can't get out to see your shows so why don't we film it and put it on in theatres?'"

"We did that and it was such a success, we used 18 cameras and got amazing shots of the shows and

beamed it out to all the country areas of Australia."

Blessed with a fanbase that naturally replenishes itself every few years, the Wiggles — rounded out by Murray Field, Jeff Fatt and Sam Moran — show no signs of slowing down.

Almost 20 years after the group formed, they do over 200 live shows each year and their TV show is seen in over 110 countries.

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## Ousted governor Blagojevich 'fired' again

TV Rod Blagojevich has been fired again.

The former governor, whom Illinois lawmakers ousted from office last year, has been kicked off NBC's Celebrity Apprentice.

Apprentice boss Donald Trump fired him after Blagojevich struggled as team leader in creating an interactive display.

As on a previous episode, technology posed a surprising hurdle for Blagojevich. On Sunday's show, he had trouble sending text messages and emailing.

Blagojevich explained his difficulties using cell-phones and computers on WLS-AM's Don Wade and Roma Morning Show yesterday. He says his generation didn't grow up with what he calls "all that stuff." Blagojevich faces a federal indictment alleging political corruption while in office. He's denied any wrongdoing.



Rod Blagojevich

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## critics' corner

### Parenthood

Kristina's constant worrying takes a toll on her love life with Adam. Max starts working with a young behavioral aide. Sarah debates whether she should go out with Amber's teacher (guest star Jason Ritter). Crosby tries to get the courage to tell his parents about Jabbar. Erika Christensen also stars in the new episode "The Big 'O.'" 8 PM on CKAL; 11 PM on KHQ



### The Good Wife

Will and Alicia deal with their growing sexual tension while defending a student accused of killing her sorority sister while under the influence of a sleep aid. Kurt and Diane continue to flirt in the new episode "Doubt." David Paymer guest stars; Archie Panjabi and Matt Czuchy also star. 8 PM on CICT; 11 PM on KREM

### NCIS

Gibbs and his team turn to Washington, D.C., madam Holly Snow (Dina Meyer, reprising her recurring guest role) for help when a Navy officer's death is connected to a prostitute. Adam Kaufman, Jason London and Taylor Cole guest star in the new episode "Guilty Pleasure"; Michael Weatherly, David McCallum and Pauley Perrette also star. 9 PM on CICT KREM



Real Housewives of New York star Alex McCord reveals in a new book that she drank while pregnant, usmagazine.com reports. McCord is the mother of two boys (ages six and four). **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Bullock preps divorce docs

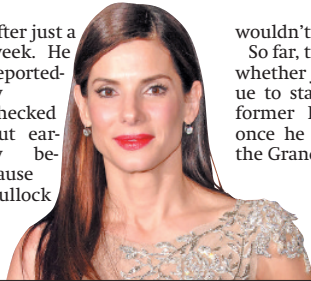
**MEANWHILE, HER HUSBAND CHECKED OUT OF SEX REHAB WHEN HE FOUND OUT YOU COULDN'T HAVE SEX IN THERE** Sandra Bullock has reportedly had divorce papers drawn up to end her marriage to Jesse James after his cheating scandal erupted last month, but sources say the actress isn't giving any indication of when or

if she'll file, according to Radar Online. "Her attitude toward Jesse hasn't softened since she found out he was cheating on her," a source says. "She's been betrayed and cheated on and she's not getting over that." James, meanwhile, is said to have left the Arizona rehab facility he'd checked himself into

after just a week. He reportedly checked out early because Bullock

wouldn't take his calls.

So far, there's no word on whether James will continue to stay at the couple's former Hollywood home once he heads back from the Grand Canyon state.



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# Trump stalker posts bail, has new 'strategy'

**YEAH, THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE A VERY LONG RELEASE** A 27-year-old man accused of stalking Ivanka Trump was released on bail Friday, the New York Post reports. Justin Massler was arrested in Nevada on suspicion that he used the Internet to stalk the Celebrity Ap-

prentice star, adds popeater.com.

Massler, who has been diagnosed with schizophrenia, was charged with stalking and harassment Thursday and freed on \$10,000 US bail. Jail hasn't dampened Massler's enthusiasm for Donald

Trump's daughter — the accused said Sunday night that he has a new



plan to woo her.

"I've got a stalking charge, so that means I can't contact her. I won't, like, try to ever visit her directly," Massler told the New York Daily News. However, he says he still plans on "trying to win her over."

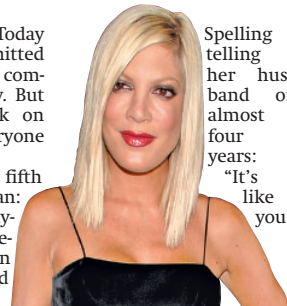
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# Spelling denies rumours of marital strife

**SOMEWHERE IN CANADA, MARY JO EUSTACE IS WATERING HER SCHADENFREUDE PLANT** Tori Spelling is downplaying rumors of marital strife with Dean McDermott after leaked footage from the new season of *Tori & Dean* showed the couple in a major fight, people.com reports. "We're not headed for divorce," Spelling, 36, said

yesterday on NBC's Today show. "We're committed to each other, we're committed to this family. But you know, we work on things just like everyone else."

Footage from the fifth season of *Tori & Dean*: Home Sweet Hollywood, which premiered last night on Oxygen, showed



Spelling telling her husband of almost four years:

"It's like you

got more and more unhappy and angry. I just want the old Dean back. I really do. I miss you so much."

But Spelling says not to worry — that she and McDermott, 43, are just like any other married couple. Well, minus the whole exploiting your relationship on reality TV thing.

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# McCartney's meat-free tour

**HAPPINESS IS A COLD SALAD** Paul McCartney has banned meat from his latest tour — he's serving vegetarian meals to all

his crewmembers, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Beatles star is taking his Up and Coming Tour through the U.S., South America and Europe, and the staunch animal

rights activist is making sure all his employees give up meat for the duration of the trek.

A spokesman for the veteran rocker tells Britain's Sunday Express newspaper, "We will serve some 480 vegetarian meals a day to keep the crew going."

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# Lady Gaga can't sleep anymore

**WELL, IF HER DREAMS ARE ANYTHING LIKE HER VIDEOS I CAN'T SAY I BLAME HER** Lady Gaga says her

success over the last two years has made her an insomniac.

"My passion is so strong I can't sleep. I haven't slept for three days," she says, according to Exposay. "I lie in bed and try to pray

and breathe. I have a very overactive mind. I'm the

sort of person who'd never take medication to calm myself. It's maddening. But I love what comes out."

And she admits she's not worried about things getting worse. "I'm already crazy," she says.

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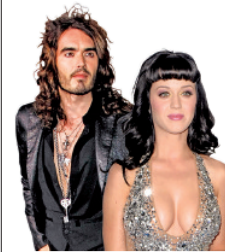
# Perry only has ears for her fiancé

**BUNNY LOVE** Katy Perry and fiancé Russell Brand celebrated Easter with a backyard BBQ for family and friends on Sunday, people.com reports.

"There was an Easter bunny to entertain the kids and guests were wearing bunny ears," says a source. Perry even posted a photo of herself and pals with the giant white rabbit.

The couple was all over each other at the bash, which was held at their Los Angeles home. "They kept kissing and were super affectionate," adds the source.

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## CelebTweets

**DEEPAK CHOPRA** thinks he can cause earthquakes, **CONAN O'BRIEN** is at the forefront of technology, **JESSE MCCARTNEY** is inspired by his elders, and **DIABLO CODY** is relaxing with the classics.

@DeepakChopra Was meditating on Shiva mantra & earth began to shake. Sorry about that

@ConanOBrien Just got the new iPad. This amazing device has already revolutionized the way I use a calculator.

@JesseMcCartney Sitting at a cafe in Bloomie's next to 3 of the oldest and funniest ladies I've ever seen. I hope I can still tackle a bottle of wine at 80.

@diablocody Watching The Sound of Music. The Baroness is the most reasonable person in this movie

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# Celebs tweet about quake

**IT CLEARLY WASN'T POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DISMANTLE THEIR IPHONES** A 7.2 earthquake hit Baja California on Sunday afternoon — about 240 miles southeast of Los Angeles — and the news was felt across Twitter, accesshollywood.com reports.

Paris Hilton Tweeted her fear of the quake, which was felt in LA, San Diego — and even Las Vegas. A second, smaller quake also hit San Francisco on Sunday.

"OMG! So scary, just felt an Earth Quake! Anyone else feel it? I hope there isn't anymore," Paris Tweeted.

In Vegas, Danny Masteron Tweeted that he also felt the earthquake. "56th floor in Vegas was swayin! Earthquake in Mexico," he Tweeted.

Meanwhile, other stars enjoyed the shake-up. "that was a good Equake," Ashton Kutcher Tweeted.

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